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1. In mid-April 1950, there was a former Polish infantry barracks on ul. Warszawska in Kutno. The installation was on the eastern edge of the town, east of the district hospital. It comprised two four-story brick buildings, each 40x15 meters, a mess building, a wooden building and a target range. During World War II the installation quartered a German infantry battalion. It was in good condition except for the windows and the fence surrounding it.
2. In April 1950, one of the quartering buildings was occupied by about 15 Soviet soldiers, who were frequently seen working on telephone poles and repairing destroyed telephone lines. The soldiers were carrying climbing creepers, cable reels and tool bags. They had no war decorations. the Soviet detachment belonged to a Soviet signal communication center. A Soviet motor vehicle occasionally drove to the installation. 50X1-HUM
3. The Sklenski Barracks, named after the town quarter of Sklenski, was located about 500 meters south of ul. Warszawska, east of the town and about 1,000 meters east of the railroad trunk line to Warsaw. The barracks installation consisted of four four-story buildings, each 50x12 meters and covered with a coat of stucco, in addition to three smaller buildings. Prior to the last war, the installation was said to have quartered a Polish infantry unit. During the war, it housed a German ordnance depot. At the end of the war the barracks installation was plundered and heavily damaged. In the spring of 1950 it was unoccupied and appeared neglected. *
4. The local MO headquarters was located on the south side of the market square, on ul. Stalina, a western extension of ul. Warszawska. The headquarters personnel comprised about 20 men from 20 to 50 years of age who lived in private quarters and who were commanded by a Lieutenant Tarka. The MO headquarters for the rural district of Kutno was in the northern sector of the town, on the south side of ul. Dabrowskiego, at the intersection with ul. Lelewella. It had a strength of 25 to 30 men, armed with pistols and German and Soviet rifles. The personnel were not quartered in a barracks installation.
5. The UB headquarters for the district of Kutno was located in the northwestern sector of the town, on the east side of ul. Piechockiego, at the intersection with ul. Staszycza. It comprised 50 to 60 men quartered in the UB building. 50X1-HUM

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The members wore olive drab uniforms. The officers had rectangular patches and the NCOs and PVT triangular red collar patches. Round service caps with red ribbons around them were seen. **

6. The district recruiting office (RKU) was located on the north side of the market square, opposite the district administration building. Next door to the district recruiting office was the so-called municipal military office where the classes due for the draft were registered for the first time. The district recruiting office covered the town of Kutno and the Kutno rural district.
7. Men of the 1927 class were drafted in Kutno in June 1948. Those who had been deferred were drafted in November 1948. In April 1949 the remainder of the 1927 class were drafted. Members of the 1928 class were drafted in November 1949.
8. A Pole of the 1926 class who had been drafted to the KBW in Bialystok (S 54/G 49) in October 1946, was discharged in August 1948.
9. The term of service in the Polish Labor Service (SP) was two months. During this time the members of the SP lived in barracks. Youths from Kutno were sent to Warsaw and Stettin for road construction work. *** After completing their term of service with the SP, the SP men continued to belong to this organization until they were drafted into the army. Members of the SP wore yellow-brown or olive drab uniforms with red-white triangular patches on their open collars. Red-white and green cords were worn by leading personnel. Caps with the Polish eagle and a red-white stripe, 6 cm wide, were also seen.

- * Comment. According to an unconfirmed report, a Polish tank unit in the strength of about one regiment was located in Kutno in September 1950. 50X1-HUM
- ** Comment. The red cap ribbon is worn only by army personnel. Members of the UB reportedly wear black ribbons around their caps. 50X1-HUM
- *** Comment. According to available information, the term of service with the SP is six months. 50X1-HUM

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